

Post Office and Customs House
Eighth, Ninth, Locust & Olive Streets
St. Louis
Missouri

HABS No. MO-1195

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PHOTOGRAPHS
WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

Historic American Buildings Survey
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Missouri	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY St. Louis
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Post Office and Customs House		HABS NO. MO-1195
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Eighth, Ninth, Locust and Olive Streets		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1873-1884	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Alfred Bult Mullett	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) An excellent example of the Second Empire style, the Post Office and Customs House was designed by the prominent federal architect A. B. Mullett.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Second Empire		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) granite load-bearing walls; iron beams, fireproofed, and cast-iron columns on basement and first floors; above second floor, brick arches on iron joist system.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 234' (seventeen bays) x 180' (thirteen bays), 125' high (four stories), 87' x 70' central light court		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Projecting portico on each face; low mansard roof; dome over south portico framed in iron, sculpture over window by Daniel Chester French; surrounded by moat; sliding sheet-iron shutters over all windows.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Two grand cast-iron staircases; cast-iron moldings framing windows and doors; five elevators; hot-water radiators, with hot air circulated through shafts in bases of cast-iron columns		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Belvedere over main (south) entrance removed		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Construction photos in National Archives. Original architectural drawings in National Archives, copies of some of which are included here as data pages.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) "The Old St. Louis Post Office: Summary Report for the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation." Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation, National Park Service, July, 1970.		
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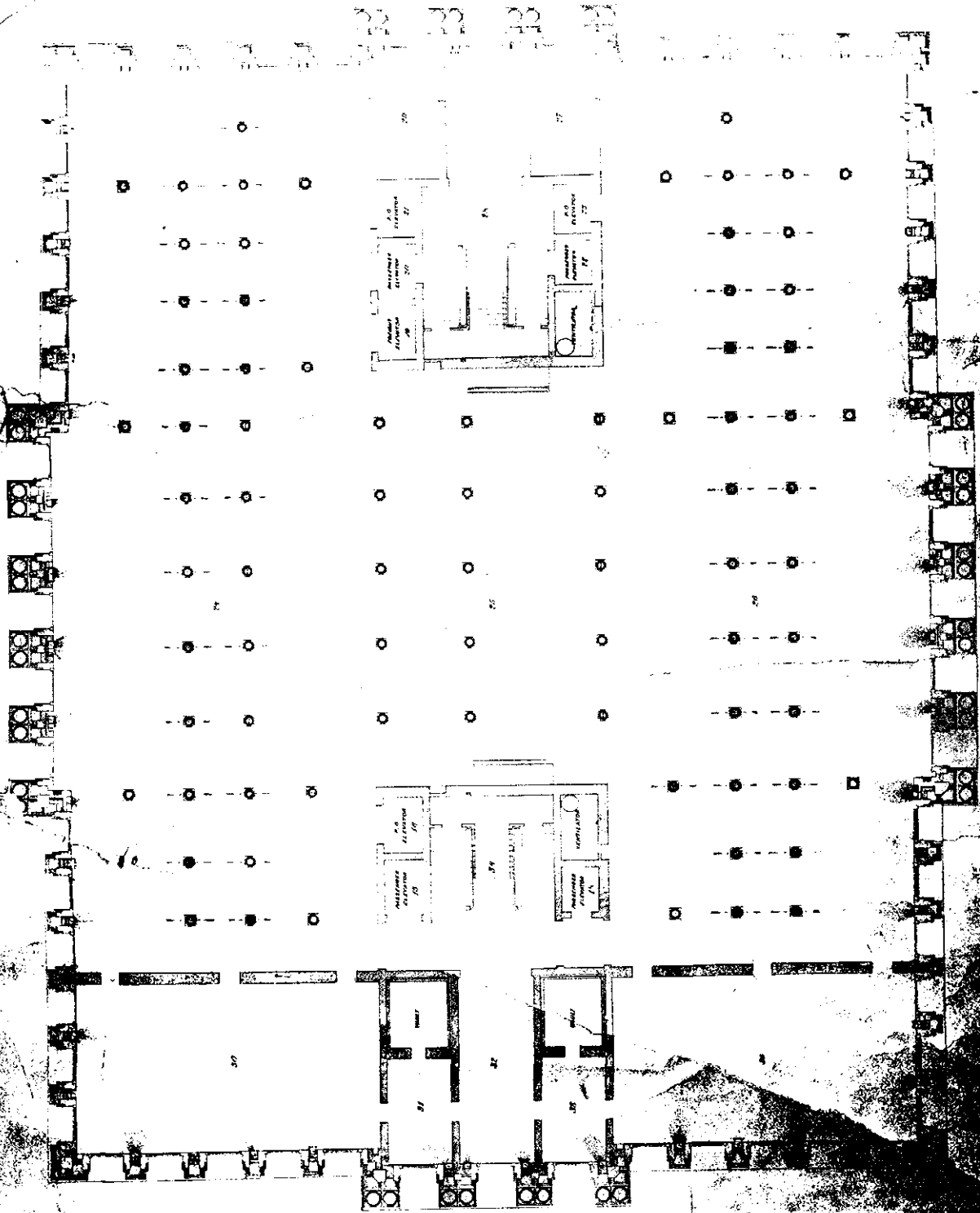
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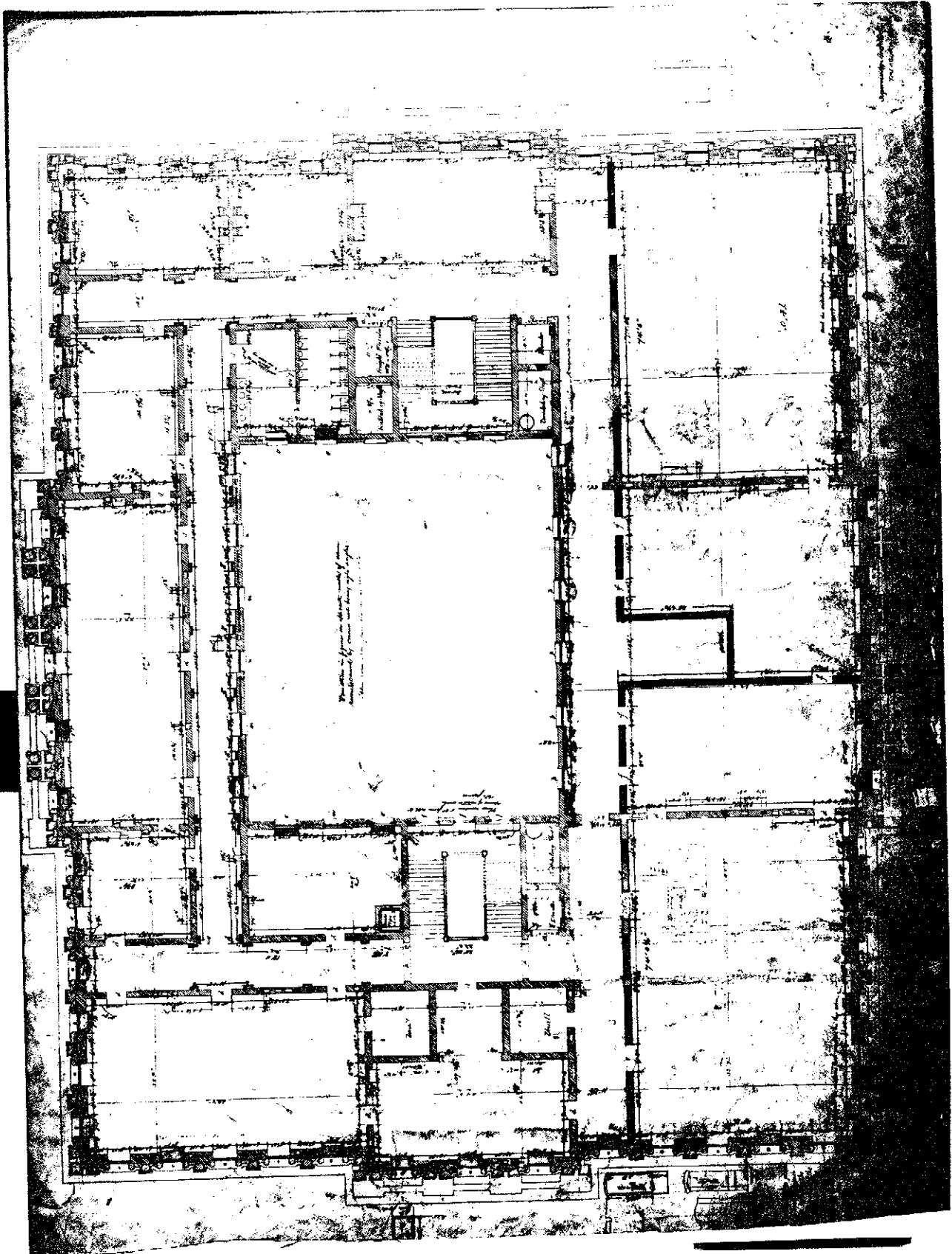


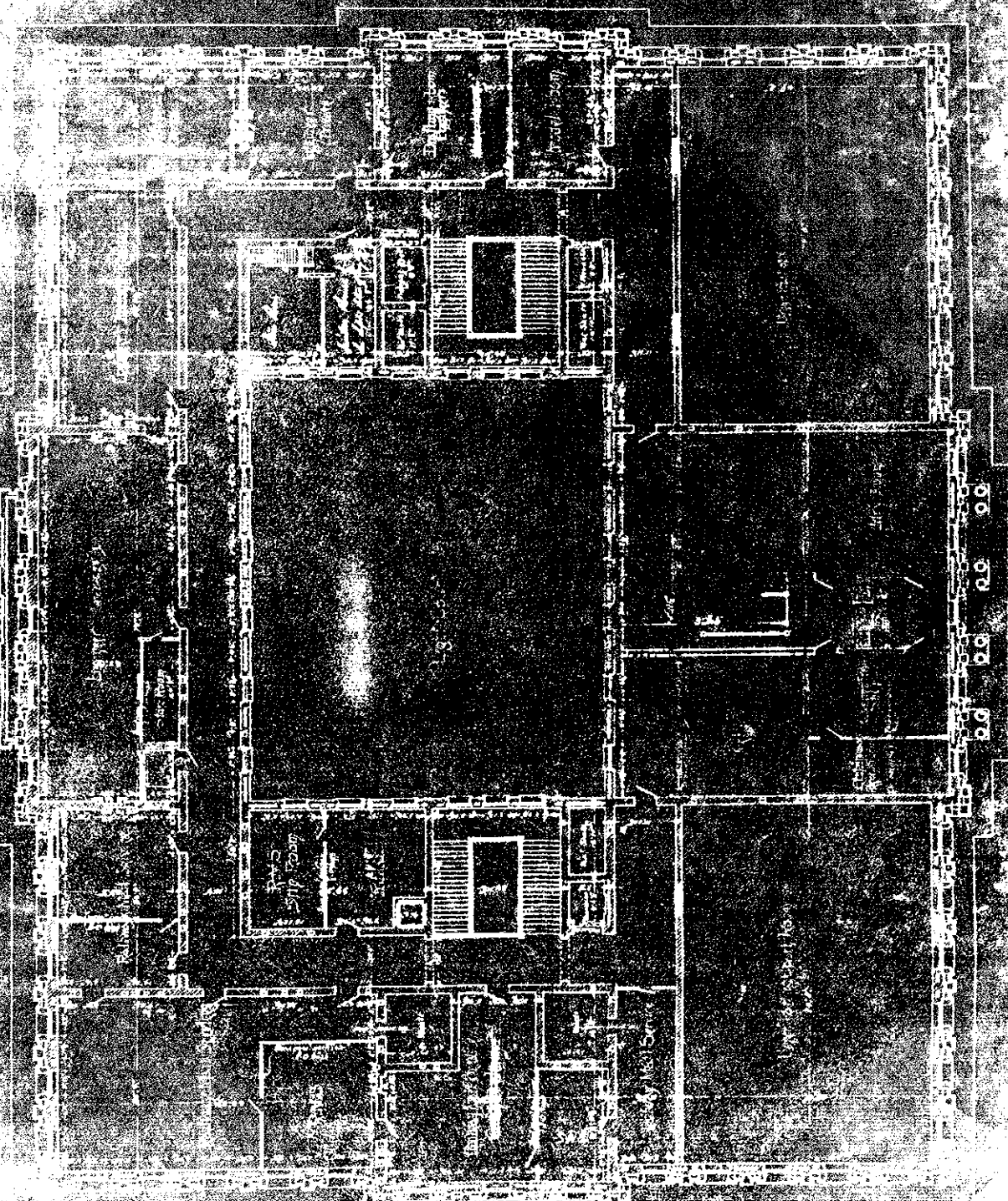
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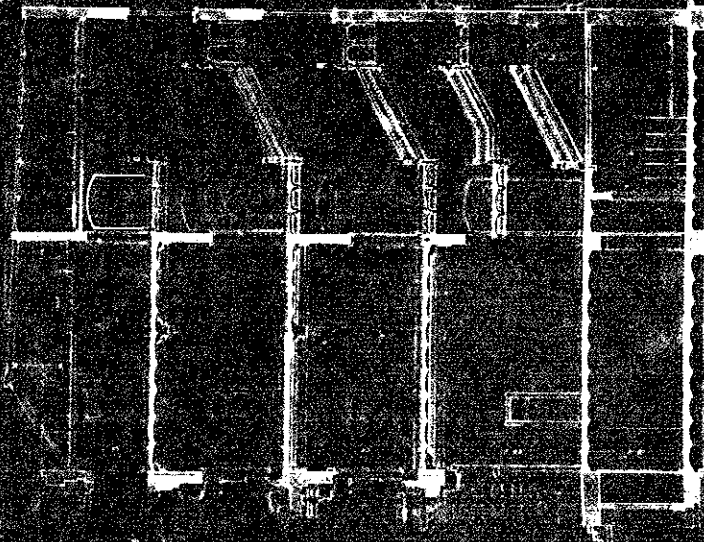
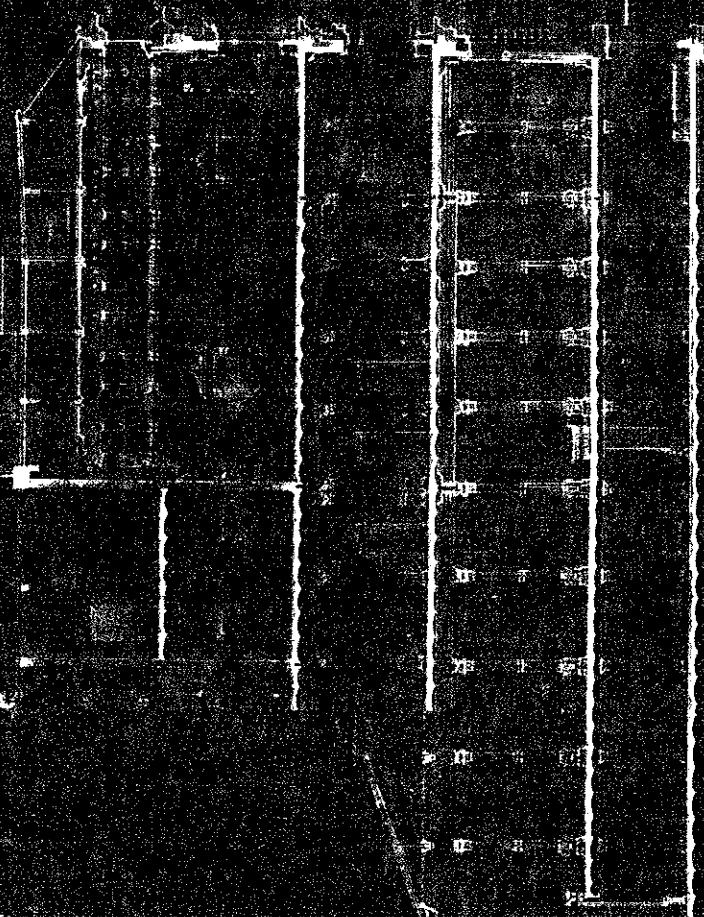
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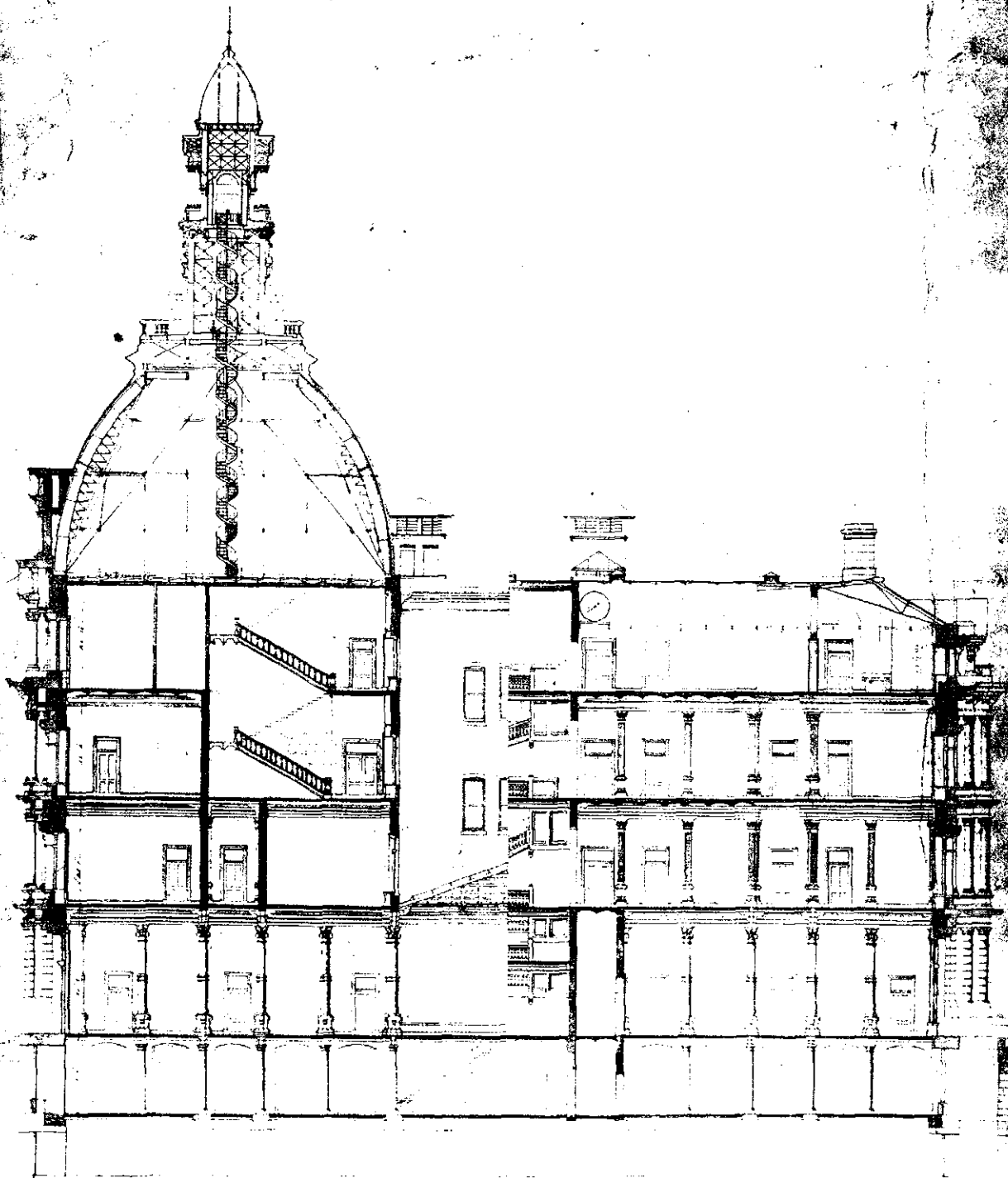
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GENERAL DRAWING NO 10

TRANSVERSE SECTION
SCALE 1/8" = 1'-0"

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